

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 28, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen  
Commissioner Carol Cook  
Commissioner Will Jordan  
Commissioner Jeff Phillips  
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho  
Commissioner Brad Turner  
Commissioner Jeff Jordan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess  
Teresa Jolly  
Dana Garrett  
Ashley Hays  
Gene Cain  
Rena Scudder  
Don Odom  
Jeff Sandvig  
Joe Bales  
Sue Cain  
Ron Scudder  
Becky Shelton

Chairman J. Jordan presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The Committee was provided the August 10, 2012 minutes of the Community Care Board. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Community Care report. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Garrett next advised of a proposed budget amendment of \$1,165 which has been donated by the Rutherford County and Stones River Medical Alliance transferring the same to travel and training for a registered dietician to receive specialized training in childhood obesity. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of \$1,165 donated by the Rutherford County and Stones River Medical Alliance to travel and training. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Chairman J. Jordan advised Don Odom, new Director of Schools, would address the Commission at its next meeting. The school system is currently at 39,920 students not counting pre-

school.

Jeff Sandvig presented proposed budget amendments of (1) \$35,955 from Equipment Line, Account #72410-701 to Other Contract Services, Account #72410-399 to fund the first year cost of Schoolstation Evaluate software. On July 19, 2012, the School Board approved an amendment to purchase Schoolstation's Evaluate software to support principals and better facilitate the teacher evaluation process which costs \$799 per school. The program will be linked to RCS teacher in-service opportunities for prescriptive purposes. The amendment is within major function. (2) a \$98,816 amendment in insurance recovery revenue from last October's hail storm and uses \$20,000 to complete roof repairs and increases the budget for building and contents insurance and vehicle insurance by \$78,816. The \$78,816 will be used to replenish the School Board's portion of the County's self-insurance fund. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to (1) amend \$35,955 from office of the principal equipment, 72410-701, to contracted services, 72401-399, as presented and (2) amend \$98,816 in insurance recovery revenue, Account 49700, to increase building repair services by \$20,000, Account 72620-335, to increase building and contents insurance by \$39,116, Account 72610-502, and to increase vehicle insurance by \$39,700, Account 72710-511, as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

MTSU SCIENCE BUILDING FUNDING REQUEST:

Joe Bales representing MTSU addressed the Committee regarding a funding request of \$1,000,000 from the County towards construction costs of the new Science building at MTSU. The contribution can be funded over five years. Mr. Bales advised historically the State of Tennessee has provided 100% of the funding associated with capital projects on college and university campuses. However, this past year the Tennessee General Assembly adopted a new funding formula for capital projects that requires institutions to share in the actual costs of construction. The State is requiring campuses to provide 25% of the first \$75,000,000 in construction costs with the State providing funds for any amounts above \$75,000,000. Accordingly MTSU is required to provide \$18,750,000 toward the total construction. MTSU's funding plan includes contributions from individuals, corporations and local government, a reallocation of institutional funds and a dedicated student fee. A similar request has been made to Murfreesboro. Mr. Bales advised MTSU will look at a wide cross section for support in hopes of reducing student contribution.

Mr. Bales advised the new Science building will have specialized space for hands on training for K-12 classroom teachers. The Committee was advised this will be a state of the art building and is the largest education project undertaken by the State to date. Occupancy is anticipated for January, 2015.

Chairman J. Jordan advised the presentation was for the information of the Committee and he did not expect a decision tonight.

Commissioner J. Phillips ask if the Mayor and Finance Director could at some point advise where the funds could come from if the request was supported this year. Mayor Burgess advised there are other needs to be met and he wanted to present the whole picture for funding.

Mayor Burgess advised although the City of Murfreesboro did not make any contribution to Motlow, he understands the administration has recommended making this contribution to MTSU for the Science building.

Chairman J. Jordan advised the County has begged the State for help in building school buildings because this is killing the tax load with no success but the State has no problem asking the County for money. Mr. Bales advised MTSU was looking to who benefits the most from the project and many were caught off guard with the State's action this year. Forty-four Tennessee counties have higher ed facilities so MTSU is limited on who to ask for contributions.

The request of MTSU for the Science building will be on next month's agenda.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman J. Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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JEFF JORDAN, Chairman